

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT

Please amend the paragraph [0012] beginning on page 8, as follows:

[0012] The proxy device may acquire, from the out-of-home electronic device (or the in-home electronic device), device attribute information including the device information and distribute the acquired attribute information to the in-home electronic device (or the out-of-home electronic device). The proxy device may distribute the attribute information to the in-home electronic device (or the out-of-home electronic device) using, as a trigger, the acquisition of the attribute information from the out-of-home electronic device (or the in-home electronic device). The proxy device may distribute the attribute information to the in-home electronic device (or the out-of-home electronic device) using, as a trigger, a request of the attribute information received from the in-home electronic device (or the out-of-home in-home electronic device).

Please amend the paragraph [0043] beginning on page 27, as follows:

[0043] In the first embodiment, the service control device 20a requests to acquire the device cooperation device information of all the electronic devices 20 connected to the network 30 by the broadcasting multicasting. However, when the electronic device 20b is previously known as the service execution device, only the device cooperation device information of the electronic device 20b is requested to be acquired by unicasting. Further, a system in which the respective electronic devices 20 connected to the network 30 periodically exchange the device cooperation device information with each other does not require the device cooperation device information acquisition process performed when the user makes the instruction.